

MODEL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 2012-29A

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OPEN TO: All Interested Candidates

POSITION: Political Assistant (Protocol)

OPENING DATE: August 28, 2012

CLOSING DATE: September 11, 2012

WORK HOURS: Full-time

ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT (OR) APPLICANTS (*See Appendix A*) MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

The U.S. Embassy in Bishkek is seeking an individual for the position of Protocol Assistant in the Executive Office.

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION

- Under direct supervision of the Ambassador's Office Management Specialist (OMS), the incumbent serves as the Protocol Assistant to the Ambassador, incoming high level USG delegation and other mission officials, planning and coordinating high and mid level functions.
- Coordinates the Ambassador's and incoming high level USG delegations' meetings with senior Government officials, including the President, Prime-Minister and below, and other dignitaries.
- Supervises four staff members of the Chief of Mission Residence (CMR) and coordinates all representational events hosted at the CMR. Directly or on behalf of Ambassador assigns work orders and tasks. On regular basis controls daily schedule of activities and work load. Reviews all suggestions, proposals and requests related to the function of the CMR staff members.
- Individually or as a member of a group plans and directs select representational, public and official events of the Ambassador hosted both at the CMR, Embassy, governmental and public venues. Functions include drafting guest lists, menu and invitation cards, seating arrangement/configuration and other protocol related procedures.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.

1. Education: An earned University degree in social science, humanities and/or applied arts is required.
2. Prior work experience: At least one year of progressively responsible experience in event/project management on high level is required. At least two years of experience in interpreting and translating from English into Kyrgyz and Russian and vice versa are required.
3. Language Proficiency: English-Level IV/IV (written/spoken), Kyrgyz Level IV/IV (written/spoken) (native, fluent), and Russian Level IV/IV (native, fluent)(written/spoken) are required. (This will be tested).
4. Job Knowledge: Good knowledge of Kyrgyzstan's political, economic and social structures and key officials in national and local governments. Good knowledge of the international diplomatic environment. Good knowledge of American and Kyrgyzstani social customs, procedures and protocol. Good working knowledge of Department of State protocol and correspondence instructions and procedures is required. The incumbent should know key state officials by full name, face and basic background information such as political affiliation, language ability, area of expertise, etc.
5. Skills and abilities: Excellent organizational skills in planning and directing multiple complex functions under tight and often fluctuating deadlines. Excellent oral and written communication skills which would allow drafting high level and complex correspondence. Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to develop and maintain access to high-level contacts in host-government institutions, opposition parties, international organizations and the diplomatic community. Ability to maintain extreme poise and tactful diplomatic approach under all circumstances. Flexibility to perform duties outside of regular working hours and venues in a stressful environment. Ability to work independently and as a team member, exercising judgment, discretion, initiative and creativity. Excellent time management skills and ability to meet tight deadlines. Ability to determine priorities effectively, resolve possible problems in a proactive manner. Excellent skills in operating information processing equipment (computer, fax, scanner and etc.) and software (MS Office applications).

SELECTION PROCESS

When fully qualified, U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and U.S. Veterans are given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate specifically address the required qualifications above in the application.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.

2. Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
3. Current Ordinarily Resident employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report are not eligible to apply.
4. Currently employed U.S. Citizen EFMs who hold a Family Member Appointment (FMA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.
5. Currently employed Not Ordinarily Resident employees hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.
6. The candidate must be able to obtain and hold a local security clearance.

TO APPLY

Interested candidates for this position must submit the following for consideration of the application:

1. Universal Application for Employment as a Locally Employed Staff or Family Member (DS-174); **or**
2. A current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information found on the UAE (see *Appendix B*); **or**
3. A combination of both; i.e. Sections 1 -24 of the UAE along with a listing of the applicant's work experience attached as a separate sheet; **plus**
4. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application. Candidates who claim conditional U.S. Veterans preference must submit documentation confirming eligibility for a conditional preference in hiring with their application.
5. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO

Human Resources Office
U.S. Embassy Bishkek
Address: Prospect Mira, 171
Or e-mail: BishkekHR@state.gov

POINT OF CONTACT

Telephone: +996-312-551-241

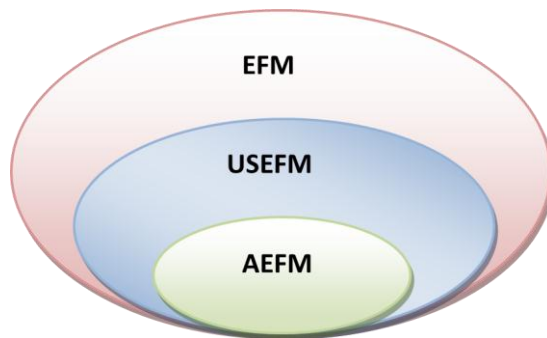
Fax: +996-312-551-264
(Ask telephone operator to transfer the call to the Human Resources Office)

**CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: SEPTEMBER 11, 2012
by close of business at 1700**

The U.S. Mission in Bishkek provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.

The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.

**Appendix A
DEFINITIONS**



This diagram demonstrates how an Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM) is also a U.S.-citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM) as well as an Eligible Family Member (EFM).

1. **Eligible Family Member (EFM)**: An individual related to a U.S. Government employee in one of the following ways:

- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in [3 FAM 1610](#));
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchildren and adopted children and those under legal guardianship of the employee or the spouse when such children are expected to be under such legal guardianship until they reach 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian;
- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of the employee or of the spouse, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support;
- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, or of the spouse, when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support.

2. **U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM)**: For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM who meets the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; and,
- EFM (see above) at least 18 years old; and,
- Listed on the travel orders of a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member assigned to or stationed abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and either:
 1. Resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of assignment abroad or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
 2. Resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.

3. **Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM)**: EFM (see above) eligible for a Family Member Appointment for purposes of Mission employment:

- Is a U.S. citizen; and
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in [3 FAM 1610](#)) or a child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; and
- Is listed on the travel orders or approved Form [OF-126](#), Foreign Service Residence and Dependency Report, of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad at a U.S. mission, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), and who is under chief of mission authority; and
- Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, office of the American Institute in Taiwan.
- Does not receive a Foreign Service or Civil Service annuity

4. **Member of Household (MOH)**: An individual who accompanies a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed at a U.S. Foreign Service post or establishment abroad, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan. An MOH is:

- Not an EFM; and,
- Not on the travel orders of the sponsoring employee; and,
- Has been officially declared by the sponsoring USG employee to the COM as part of his/her household.

A MOH is under COM authority and may include a parent, unmarried partner, other relative or adult child who falls outside the Department's current legal and statutory definition of family member. A MOH does not have to be a U.S. Citizen.

5. **Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR)**: – An individual who:

- Is not a citizen of the host country; and,
- Does not ordinarily reside (*OR*, see below) in the host country; and,
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws; and,
- Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN).

NOR employees are compensated under a GS or FS salary schedule, not under the LCP.

6. **Ordinarily Resident (OR)**: – A Foreign National or U.S. citizen who:

- Is locally resident; and,
- Has legal, permanent resident status within the host country; and,
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

EFMs without U.S. Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including U.S. citizens, are compensated in accordance with the Local Compensation Plan (LCP).

Appendix B

If an applicant is submitting a resume or curriculum vitae, s/he must provide the following information equal to what is found on the UAE.

Failure to do so will result in an incomplete application.

- A. Position Title
- B. Position Grade
- C. Vacancy Announcement Number (if known)
- D. Dates Available for Work
- E. First, Middle, & Last Names as well as any other names used
- F. Current Address, Day, Evening, and Cell phone numbers
- G. U.S. Citizenship Status (*Yes or No*) & status of permanent U.S. Resident (*Yes or No*; if yes, provide number)
- H. U.S. Social Security Number and/or Identification Number
- I. Eligibility to work in the country (*Yes or No*)
- J. Special Accommodations the Mission needs to provide (*Yes or No*; if yes, provide explanation)
- K. If applying for position that includes driving a U.S. Government vehicle, Driver's License Class / Type
- L. Days available to work
- M. List any relatives or members of your household that work for the U.S. Government (include their Name, Relationship, & Agency, Position, Location)
- N. U.S. Eligible Family Member and Veterans Hiring Preference
- O. Education
- P. License, Skills, Training, Membership, & Recognition
- Q. Language Skills
- R. Work Experience
- S. References